AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claims 1-14 and 17-19.

1-14. (canceled).

15. (original) A method comprising:

heating a first element comprising an initial dimension, where the first element is part of an assembly, to a first temperature sufficient to expand the initial dimension to a first dimension, the first dimension greater than the initial dimension; and

removing the first element from the assembly.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, wherein a coefficient of thermal expansion of the first element comprises a first value and a coefficient of thermal expansion of the assembly comprises a second value, the first value different than the second value.

17-19. (canceled).

Please add the following new claims:

20. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the first element has a thermal expansion coefficient of between approximately 10 micrometers per degree Celsius per meter and approximately 25 micrometers per degree Celsius per meter.

21. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the first element is fashioned from aluminum.

22. (new) The method of claim 21, wherein the first element further comprises a polymer.

23. (new) The method of claim 22, wherein the polymer has a coefficient of thermal expansion between approximately 0 micrometers per degree Celsius per meter and approximately 1000 micrometers per degree Celsius per meter.

24. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein the first element can only be removed from the assembly when the first element is at the first temperature.

25. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein the first element can only be removed from the assembly when the first element is at the first temperature.

26. (new) The method of claim 24, wherein heating the first element from the assembly is a means of de-encrypting the assembly.

27. (new) The method of claim 25, wherein heating the first element from the assembly is a means of de-encrypting the assembly.

28. (new) The method of claim 26, wherein a particular manner, location or sequence of heating is used to remove the first element.

29. (new) The method of claim 27, wherein a particular manner, location or sequence of heating is used to remove the first element.

30. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein prior to heating in the particular manner, location or sequence, it is not apparent that the first element can be removed.

31. (new) The method of claim 29, wherein prior to heating in the particular manner, location or sequence, it is not apparent that the first element can be removed.

32. (new) The method of claim 15, wherein a means of heating the first element is selected from one or more members from the group consisting of a hot liquid, a heating torch, an induction heating oven, a radiator, a heating pad, and a remote heating device.

33. (new) The method of claim 16, wherein a means of heating the first element is selected from one or more members from the group consisting of a hot liquid, a heating torch, an induction heating oven, a radiator, a heating pad, and a remote heating device.

34. (new) The method of claim 15 wherein the means of heating the first element is a hot liquid.

35. (new) An encrypted assembly comprising:

a first element having an initial dimension, wherein said first element is part of the encrypted assembly,

wherein said first element is heated to a first temperature sufficient to expand the first element from the initial dimension to a first dimension, the first dimension greater than the initial dimension,

and wherein when the first element is expanded to the first dimension, the first element is removed from the assembly.

36. (new) The assembly of claim 35, wherein the first element is heated in a particular manner, location or sequence in order to remove the first element.

37. (new) The assembly of claim 35, wherein the first element is heated by one or more members selected from the group consisting of a hot liquid, a heating torch, an induction heating oven, a radiator, a heating pad, and a remote heating device.

38. (new) The method of claim 15, further comprising

a preliminary step of heating the first element and adding the first element which is heated to a second element so as to create the assembly.

39. (new) The method of claim 38, wherein said heating the first element is from a first temperature to a third temperature.